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The following is a summary of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 1-7 September 1951. [REDACTED]

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1. Pol Dasht: East and westbound rail traffic through Pol Dasht totalled 73 trains.
2. Dzhulfa: East and westbound rail and road traffic through Dzhulfa totalled 50 trains, 166 trucks, 13 autos, 25 jeeps, 11 motorcycles, 893 soldiers, and three guns.

Soviet train No. 6072 arrived in Iranian Dzhulfa from Soviet Dzhulfa seven times during the week, carrying a total of 12 carloads of sugar weighing 217,139 kgs, one carload of chemicals weighing 8078 kgs, one car carrying household cooking equipment, and 37 empty cars.

Soviet train No. 6072 went from Iranian Dzhulfa to Soviet Dzhulfa carrying 35 carloads of tobacco weighing 281,228 kgs, six carloads of raisins weighing 102,185 kgs, and 13 empty cars.

3. Khuda Afarin: East and westbound rail traffic through Khuda Afarin totalled 44 trains.
4. The loads carried by the traffic reported in the three previous paragraphs included construction material, coal, trucks, and eight armored cars carried on flat cars. An unstated number of gasoline tank cars were also included among the trains.
5. Astara: Total road traffic in the Astara area included 516 trucks, 173 carts, nine autos, 27 jeeps, 57 officers, 12 non-commissioned officers, 632 soldiers, 261 civilians carrying shovels, and one gun.

From Germezi Post (possibly Qermezi) to Soviet Aqaehai (sic) trees were cut down, leaving a clearing 3,000 m long and 75 m wide.

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Concrete fortifications, including bunkers and trenches, are being built along the frontier in the Astara area. Shelters with a capacity of 50 men have been constructed at intervals along the frontier. A concrete fort is being constructed at Qanbar Mahalleh.

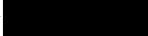
Patrols have recently been increased in the Astara area, and new trip wires with rockets attached have been laid.*


6. Pahlevi: The following Soviet ships arrived at Pahlevi: Bandar Pahlevi, 550 tons, carrying 16,889 kgs of wood, piece goods, electrical instruments, and paper; Gaberinka**, 547 tons, from Baku carrying 452,823 kgs of sugar; Torpida from Soviet Astara carrying 414 kgs of fish and caviar; Kulturnia from Hassan Kiadeh carrying 69,288 kgs of fish; Kashalot from Hassan Kiadeh carrying 1,016 kgs of fish; Almas from Bandar Shah, cargo unstated.

The following ships left Pahlevi: Bandar Pahlevi carrying 113,618 kgs of tobacco; Kabarinka** carrying 426,550 kgs of raisins for Baku; Torpida carrying 12,000 kgs of rice for Siah Chal; Kashalot carrying 8,000 kgs of bricks and fuel for Hassan Kiadeh; Kulturnia carrying 8,600 kgs of cases for Hassan Kiadeh.

7. Lutfabad: East and westbound rail traffic between Kaakha and Ashkhabad totalled 94 trains, including four carloads of armored cars going to Ashkhabad.

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*  Comment: This is possibly a mistaken report for mines or flares.

**  Comment: This ship has, at one time or another, been received as Gabardinka, Kabaronka, Gaberinka, Kabarinka, and in the future for the sake of consistency will be given as Gabardinka.

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